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Notes in military booklet link CIA to JFK assassination, detective says

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A Houston private detective Thursday unveiled what he said may be the "smoking gun" linking the CIA to John F. Kennedy's assassination, but a former agent called the evidence phony.

Investigator Joe West showed reporters copies of a military booklet with handwritten notes allegedly made by former Dallas police officer Roscoe White before and after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination.

"They told me what my assignment is," says one of the notes supposedly written while White allegedly worked for the CIA in June of 1963. "I don't know if I can do it. They want me to kill the president. God help me. They say he's a threat to the United States."

In a note dated August 1963, White allegedly wrote that he would soon join the Dallas police force, "so it will put me in the right place at the right time."

While Dallas police have confirmed that White worked for the department at the time of the assassination, author John Stockwell, a former CIA agent, said Thursday the notes appear faked.

Stockwell said entries supposedly from the 1950s appear to have been written with the same pen and at the same time as those from the early 1970s.

"The ink is equally fresh on the first page, allegedly (written) in 1956, as it is on the last page, allegedly (written) in 1971," said Stockwell, speaking at a press conference called by West.

West said experts will analyze the notes to verify their authenticity.

"I believe that when this analysis is done, it will show that this document is a fabrication," Stockwell said.

During a Dallas press conference last month, White's son, Ricky, said his late father was one of three men who fired on Kennedy, and that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was not the president's killer.

White, 29, of Midland, cited information found in a notebook used by his father as a diary, but said the diary had disappeared. West said the military booklet does not appear to be the same as the alleged

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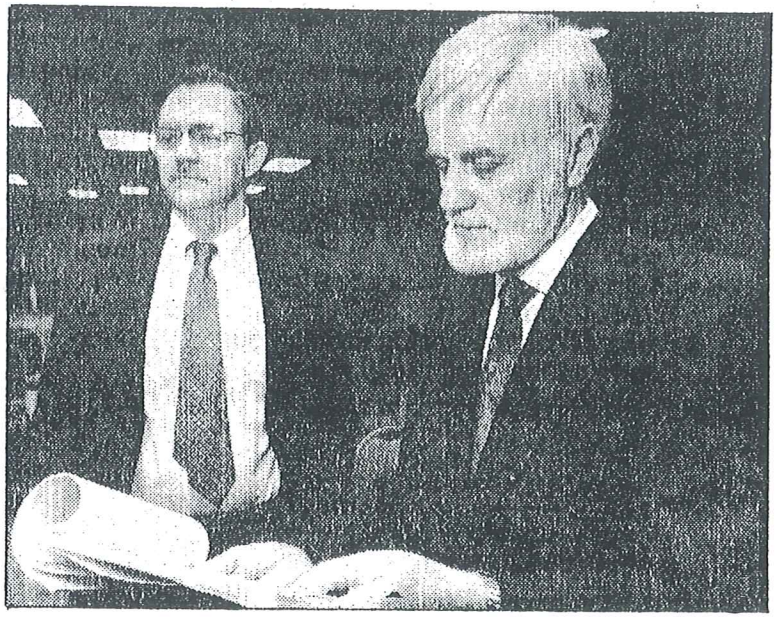

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Private investigator Joe West, right, holds transcripts of a diary with handwritten notes allegedly made by former Dallas police officer Roscoe White about the John F. Kennedy assassination. But former CIA agent John Stockwell, left, told the media Thursday he thinks the notes are fabrications.

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diary.

The notations are written in the margins and blank pages of a book labled Army Navy Service Book, which appeared to include hymns and space for notes, apparently obtained when White was a Marine.

West said White's former wife, Geneva, discovered the service record at her Odessa home on Sept. 2, stuck inside a copy of a book about presidents of the United States.

The notes also refer to shock treatments that West said White allegedly forced his wife to receive.

West said the shock treatments were intended to erase her memory of a conversation about the assassination attempt that she heard between her husband and Jack Ruby.

Ruby's conviction for killing Oswald was overturned, but he died in custody while awaiting a retrial.

West, as president of the non-profit foundation Truth Inc., said he is independently investigating the White assassination theory.